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REPLY WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 27, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until May 27, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.